

**Georgetown University Law Center
Student Bar Association
2018-2019 House of Delegates**



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**Resolution 2018-2019-13: An Expression of Solidarity and a
Denouncement of Hatred and Bigotry**

WHEREAS, beginning Monday October 22, 2018, two former Presidents of the United States, former United States Cabinet officials, current members of the United States Congress, and high profile political activists, were targets of explosive devices sent through the mail; and

WHEREAS, after a suspect was detained, the investigating authorities had reason to believe the attempted attacks were politically motivated; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday October, 24, 2018, two African Americans were shot and killed in a Kroger's Grocery Store in Jeffersontown, Kentucky as the result of a failed attempt by a white male shooter to enter First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown, a **predominately** African American Church; and

WHEREAS, authorities are actively investigating the shooting as a racially motivated hate crime; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday October 27, 2018, a gunman shot and killed 11 people at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in a horrific act of anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, Saturday's tragedy is the deadliest attack on Jewish Americans in United States' history; and

WHEREAS, we are students aspiring to be legal professionals at Georgetown University Law Center, where we immerse ourselves in a campus community rich in ethnic, religious, and political diversity; and

WHEREAS, the motto of Georgetown University Law Center is "Law is but the means, justice is the ends"; and

WHEREAS, every day we challenge ourselves as students and future alumni of this law school to uphold our duty to our fellow citizens and treat them with the dignity and the respect they deserve both under the law and as human beings; and

WHEREAS, the preamble of our Student Bar Association constitution requires us to promote "fellowship and goodwill among students" as representatives of "the entirety of the Law Center community";

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Student Bar Association, in fulfilling the preamble of our Constitution, commit to taking the following immediate actions in response to the acts of senseless, soulless violence and hate on plaguing our nation:

1. Denounce expressions of hate and bigotry against any person because of, but not limited to, their race, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, age, country of origin, and socioeconomic condition; and
2. Profess our support and solidarity with those who have been victimized within the past nine days, the families of those survivors, and those communities who are still reeling from the pain; and
3. Declare our support and solidarity with those on our Law Campus who have been directly affected by the violence of the past nine days and those who have been negatively impacted and traumatized by the national displays of hate and bigotry; and
4. Call on those who serve the American people and those in public life to engage in discourse that does not purposefully disparage, alienate, or incite violence against those with differing opinions or who come from differing life circumstances; and
5. Call on the students of the Georgetown University Law Center to engage in discourse that not only upholds the ethics of the legal profession but is reflective of our values as an institution of higher learning and as an institution rooted in the Jesuit tradition.

Respectfully submitted,

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